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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : OSTERMANN et al.

U.S. National Phase Application

U.S. Application No.: To Be Assigned

Date of National

Stage Entry : March 24, 2000

Based on PUT/AU98/00813

Filed : September 25, 1998

For: APPARATUS FOR REMOVING A
SAMPLE FROM AN ARRAY OF
SAMPLES AND A CUTTING TOOL
FOR USE WITH THAT APPARATUS

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

ATTENTION: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Claim 3, line 1, change "Apparatus" to --The apparatus--

change "as claimed in claim 2" to --of claim 2--;